

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
MECHANICAL BOARD**

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2012**

**9:00am**

**In attendance:**

**Timothy Byrne**

**Stanley Davies, Chair**

**Robert Eva**

**Steven Gray**

**Bobby Joe Harris**

**Jack King**

**Quinlan T. Regan**

**Charles Wright**

**Dennis Brennan, Fred Foeri and Michael Januario were not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were Ron D'Ambruoso, Administrator; Nick Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator; E. Patrick Luther, Investigator; and Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel.**

**1. – Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Chairman, Stanley Davies.**

**2. – Approval of minutes from November 7, 2012 meeting: Dispensing of the minutes was held until after the hearings. Following the hearing, a motion was made by Charles Wright to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2012 meeting as presented; seconded by Robert Eva and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**3. – Conflict of Interest: Addressed after the hearing. Benjamin Copple, Legal Counsel, addressed the board regarding conflicts of interest. If board member has a personal or business relationship with anyone appearing before the board there may be a conflict of interest and the board member should recuse himself if the law requires.**

**4. - HEARINGS:**

**Thomas Gravel / RI Sheetmetal LLC (Viol 4411): Nicholas D. Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator; E. Patrick Luther, Investigator; and Thomas J. Gravel are sworn in for testimony. Nick Ranone reads the violation.**

**Date: 10/18/12; Violation # 4411**

**Name of Violator: Thomas J. Gravel - RI Sheetmetal LLC, 30 Palmer Meadow Lane, Rehoboth, MA 02769**

**Location of Violation: 115 Granite Dr. East Greenwich, RI. 02818**

**Violation:**

**RIGL 28-27-5.1 Practices for which journeyperson or apprentice license required**

**RIGL 28-27-4.3 "Pipefitter Apprentice", "Refrigeration / Air Conditioning Apprentice", "Journeyperson Sprinkler Fitter Apprentice", "Journeyperson Sheet Metal Worker Apprentice" defined - Duration of apprentice programs.**

**On October 11, 2012, Thomas Gravel (RI Sheetmetal LLC) did have Mathew Caparco, Anthony W. Gasbarro and Thomas Howard handling and installing duct work at the above location. Mr. Gasbarro and Mr. Caparco are unlicensed and unregistered apprentices in the state of RI. They were also working unsupervised. Mr. Howard is a licensed apprentice with the state of RI but was also working unsupervised. This is a violation of the above referenced RI General Laws. Five violations at \$500.00 each. Total \$2,500.00.**

**The Board questions Mr. Ranone. E. Patrick Luther provides testimony. The Board questions Mr. Ranone again.**

**Thomas Gravel reads a prepared statement to the Board. The Board questions Mr. Gravel.**

**The Board again questions Mr. Ranone.**

**Ron D'Ambruoso addressed the Board. E. Patrick Luther addressed the Board.**

**The Board questions Mr. Ranone and Mr. Luther.**

**With regard to Violation 4411, violation of RIGL 28-27-5.1 and 28-27-4.3; based on the testimony presented today and the information provided Tim Byrne made a motion that a violation did, in fact, occur; seconded by Robert Eva and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**Tim Byrne made a motion that the fine of \$2,500.00 for violations of RILG 28-27-5.1 and 28-27-4.3 be upheld; seconded by Bobby Joe Harris and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**The recommendation will be forwarded to the Director.**

**End of hearing.**

**A discussion of Mr. Gravel's apprentice program and licenses continued.**

**Old Business:**

**State Fire Marshall's Office: At the November meeting there was**

discussion regarding the State Fire Marshall's Office informing individuals that all they need to install or service fire suppression systems (ansul systems) is the state Fire Marshall's license and do not need a license from DLT. Stan Davies informs the Board that he has spoken to the State Fire Marshall's office. Mr. Davies has a meeting with the Chief Deputy after the holidays. The Chief Deputy will have to discuss it with the State Police as the State Police now governs the Fire Marshall's Office.

Terry Regan inquired about a disposition regarding Steven Clift's request to take a test. Ron D'Ambruoso informs the Board that the matter is still with the Director's office.

Terry Regan inquired about a subcommittee to review the Rules and Regulations. Charles Wright made a motion to create a subcommittee to review the Rules and Regulations. Terry Regan, Charles Wright, Steve Gray, Tim Byrne volunteered. Nick Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator, will also be a part of the subcommittee. Charles Wright made a motion that these individuals be appointed as the subcommittee; seconded by Robert Eva and Bobby Joe Harris and passed unanimously by the Board. The subcommittee will meet after the holidays.

**5. - ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Eva; seconded by Charles Wright and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:46am.**